

RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – April 1, 2021

Caller Questions from March 25, 2021

- 1. Bob from Brooklyn, CT: Requested we pick up the glass bottles at the entrance and exit ramps for Route 146 South at Breakneck Hill Road in Lincoln**

Our Maintenance crews removed this litter the day of the show, last Thursday.

- 2. Bob from Coventry: Asked that we take a look at the poor lighting on Route 3 at Route 102 in Exeter**

Good news for Bob: we already started the process of adding state-owned lights at this intersection and are currently working on an agreement with National Grid to do so.

- 3. Mike from East Providence: Said the difference in elevation causes vehicles to bounce at the end of I-195 West where it meets I-95 North in Providence**

We've made a couple attempts to grind down the highway so it matches better at this bridge that was built in 2009. It is one of many locations we have this issue with due to past construction. We are looking into additional improvements we can make to improve the riding surface and make it as good as we possibly can.

- 4. Ron from East Greenwich: Concerned that the left turn only traffic signal to get into the Christmas Tree Shops from Route 2 South in Warwick is very confusing and dangerous**

What Ron saw was a temporary condition as the signal's mast arm at this location was damaged in a crash and had to be removed. The day after the show, our Maintenance electricians made some adjustments to better align the temporary signals with the lanes. We are working to have the mast arm replaced in 2022.

Caller Questions from Previous Shows

- 1. Terri from Smithfield: Reported potholes in the right and middle lanes on I-295 South from Exits 15 to 12 in Smithfield**

Our Maintenance crews patched these potholes on Tuesday night.

2. Rachel from North Smithfield: Reported standing water on I-295 South at mile markers 14.6 and 14.4 in Smithfield that she attributes to a clogged drainage system

Our Maintenance staff checked and cleaned the drainage system in this area. They didn't find any obstructions but will monitor the system during rainstorms to learn more about why water is ponding there.

3. Paul from Barrington and Chris from Coventry: Both asked how we plan to ready our roadways for autonomous vehicles

We reviewed the national best practices for autonomous vehicles and several states are using dashed striping to better accommodate driverless vehicles. We refresh our line striping every two years. As we cycle through, we will incorporate these designs into our statewide restriping program and into our new projects.

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- Website for help: www.ridot.net/help
- Call RIDOT for potholes, litter, debris in roadway at [222-2378](tel:222-2378)
- Road kill – DEM – 222-3070 ([recently killed deer only](tel:222-3070)). Otherwise call RIDOT at [222-2378](tel:222-2378)
- Bike Path issues: DEM – 222-3070 for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located is the proper contact.
- National Grid [1-800-322-3223](tel:1-800-322-3223)
- RIPTA [784-9500](tel:784-9500)
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